

MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF YORK

Adjourned Meeting
October 9, 2001

6:00 p.m.

Meeting Convened. An Adjourned Meeting of the York County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:01 p.m., Tuesday, October 9, 2001, in the East Room, York Hall, by Chairman James S. Burgett.

Attendance. The following members of the Board of Supervisors were present: Walter C. Zarembo, Sheila S. Noll, Donald E. Wiggins, and James S. Burgett..

H. R. Ashe was absent.

Also in attendance were James O. McReynolds, County Administrator; and James E. Barnett, County Attorney.

WORK SESSION

FY2003 BUDGET—NEW PROGRAMS/PERSONNEL

Mr. McReynolds explained the planning process for new personnel and programs requests, showing a series of slides summarizing the materials forwarded to the Board last week for review.

Mr. Zarembo asked what percentage of the existing number of current personnel represented the recommended new positions.

Mr. McReynolds indicated it was approximately 2 percent at most.

Mr. Wiggins noted it looked as if the County was just keeping up with the increase in the number of new citizens, and the number of new personnel did not account for the extra services being provided. He asked how many employees now worked for the County.

Mr. McReynolds stated the County had approximately 750 full-time employees. He stated the number did not include work-as-required or temporary, part-time positions.

Mr. Wiggins noted it looked as if Mr. McReynolds was cutting down on some overtime as well.

Mr. McReynolds indicated Mr. Wiggins as correct, and there was an estimated \$400,000 to cover the recommended new personnel and programs.

Mr. Ashe arrived at 6:07 p.m.

Discussion followed on the estimated \$400,000 to cover new personnel and programs in FY2003 and the anticipated revenues and expected growth in the County.

Mr. McReynolds then reviewed with the Board members each of the personnel requests, estimated costs, and the justifications for the requests. Recommended new personnel approved by the Board for inclusion in the FY2003 proposed budget at this time are:

Commonwealth's Attorney	0.5 FTE (Victim-Witness Program Assistant)
Fire and Life Safety	3.0 FTE (Firefighters) 0.5 FTE (Communications Tech Assistant)
Financial & Management Svcs	0.5 FTE (Mail Distribution Clerk) 1.0 FTE (Grants/Payroll Coordinator)
Library	1.0 FTE (Library Assistant—Children)
General Services	1.0 FTE (Landscape Maint. Coordinator) 2.0 FTE (Construction Maint. Workers I)
Community Services	0.25 FTE (Administrative Assistant I) 1.0 FTE (Events Coordinator)
Environmental & Dev Services	1.0 FTE (Administrative Assistant I) 0.75 FTE (Scale Operator) 2.0 FTE (Construction/Maint Workers II)

New programs approved by the Board at this time for inclusion in the FY2003 budget are:

General Services

Expansion of Schools Grounds (Hold Joint Meeting with School Board)
Maintenance Program

Video Services

Video Camcorders (Funding shared 50/50 with Schools)

TiltRac Upgrade (Funding shared 50/50 with Schools)

Environmental & Development Services

Environmental Calendar

During the review, discussion took place regarding the benchmarks that were used in determining whether or not a position was justified and the County Administrator's decision-making process concerning the recommendations. The Board at this time by consensus agreed to revisit the three telecommunicator positions that were not recommended by the County Administrator. Regarding the expansion of the schools grounds maintenance program and the recommendation to hold a joint meeting with the School Board for discussion, the Board directed that the item be placed on the November 27 work session agenda for the joint meeting with the School Board.

Mrs. Noll indicated that if the Board revisits the request for telecommunicators, she would like to know the change in workload since the Board added the last three positions.

Mr. Wiggins agreed, stating he also would like information on the increase in calls due to wireless 911.

Meeting Recessed. At 7:10 p.m. Chairman Burgett declared a short recess.

Meeting Reconvened. At 7:17 p.m. the meeting was reconvened in open session by order of the Chair.

PARKING ORDINANCE (Not on Agenda)

Chairman Burgett asked that the Board members come to a consensus on which version of the parking ordinance they would like for Mr. Barnett to advertise for public hearing.

Mr. Barnett reviewed the differences of the two versions he had prepared. He stated he felt VDOT would not be happy with an approach to make the ordinance effective throughout particular residential zones. He stated the first version was borrowed from the County's firearms discharge ordinance and listed about 65 communities where parking of commercial vehicles would be prohibited. The other version used the same approach but only listed York Crossing.

After a brief discussion, by consensus the Board directed Mr. Barnett to forward the version listing the 65 communities to VDOT for its review.

2002 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Mr. Barnett indicated the draft that was provided to the Board members last week did not include an item regarding state support for tourism, and he distributed to them an addendum to add to the original package. He stated it asks for an immediate increase in state expenditures for tourism-related advertising in order to remind the public of Virginia's historic and recreational attractions and that they are merely a car ride away for millions of Americans, and that the destination is safe.

Mrs. Noll stated she felt the amendment should be included. She also suggested that staff talk to Jim Noel, the Economic Development Director, and Dave Schulte of the Williamsburg Tourism and Conference Bureau for their input on the tourism industry.

After Mr. Barnett completed his review of the draft 2002 Legislative Program, the Board came to the following consensus on the items to be included:

Increase funding for the Statewide Transportation Revenue Sharing Program

Restore the \$13.4 million for Route 17 improvements deleted from the current Virginia Transportation Development Plan

Amend Virginia Code Section 59.1-274 to allow the establishment of at least one enterprise zone in every county or city

Actively seek State funding for a new pier to be built in time for the Yorktown 2006 and Jamestown 2007 celebrations

Authorize a demonstration Traffic Signal Photo-Monitoring System

Amend Virginia Code Section 46.2-1094 to allow enforcement of adult seatbelt requirement as a primary offense

Amend Virginia Code Section 15.2-3306 to prohibit annexation petitions from being filed by cities as landowners against counties which have obtained court ordered immunity from annexation

Amend Virginia Code Section 58.1-3700.1 relative to business licenses to clarify that a business license issued with respect to any calendar year is deemed to remain valid until March 1 of the following year

Amend Virginia Code to authorize local Directors of Emergency Management to control and regulate traffic flows over public rights of way and to provide sanctions for anyone who disregards a proper order or directive issued by a local Director of Emergency Management (with removal of language prohibiting public access to vehicular traffic)

Resubmit SB 1345 and HB 1650 (2001 General Assembly) to require the Department of Transportation to perform necessary drainage repairs.

Increase the amount of the retiree health insurance credit for local and School Board employees

Increase in state expenditures for tourism-related advertising

By consensus the Board removed from the proposed program:

Amendment to Virginia Code Section 36-105 to allow local governments to enforce the BOCA National Property Maintenance Code in selected portions of the locality.

Discussion followed concerning the item regarding VDOT being required to perform drainage repairs and the items being coordinated with other localities, as well as VACo and NACo, for joint support.

Mr. Barnett then reviewed the following summary of legislative policies also included in the program:

Increase state funding to localities for new and existing state mandated programs

Increase state funding of the true costs of education

Overhaul the Commonwealth's tax structure

Maximize state funding for priority regional transportation projects in Hampton Roads

Make changes to state programs that enhance the effectiveness of public expenditures—don't increase local responsibilities and shift the cost while at the same time reducing state services and funding

Mr. Barnett then distributed and briefly reviewed a memorandum from the Assistant County Attorney regarding legislative priorities discussed at last week's Hampton Roads Planning

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District Commission (HRPDC) meeting. The HRPDC has identified four priorities which it is asking the localities to support:

Mandated Community Service

Education

Standards of Quality

Capital Costs

Transportation Funding

The Caboose Bill

Mr. Zaremba suggested that in order to get the attention of York's legislators at this year's legislative breakfast, the Board should start the meeting by reviewing last year's requests and what the General Assembly ultimately passed into law, as well as show them some sort of matrix of information which tracks the County's successes over the years. stated they should be shown some kind of report card, and they should be able to tell the Board how to better present the County's requests so that they are more favorably considered.

Meeting Adjourned At 8:12 p.m. Chairman Burgett declared the meeting adjourned sine die.

James O. McReynolds, Clerk
York County Board of Supervisors

James S. Burgett, Chairman
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